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§ 725.1 Scope.

This part sets forth policies and procedures for reimbursements to States for costs of enforcing the initial performance standards set forth in this chapter.

§ 725.2 Objectives.

The objectives of assistance under this part are:

(a) To assist the States in meeting the increased costs of administering the initial performance standards.

(b) To encourage the States to build strong reclamation and enforcement programs.

§ 725.3 Authority.

Section 502(e)(4) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201) authorizes the Secretary to reimburse States for costs of enforcing the performance standards of the initial regulatory program.

§ 725.4 Responsibility.

(a) The Director shall administer the grant program for reimbursement to States for costs of enforcing performance standards during the initial regulatory program.

(b) The Director or his authorized designee shall receive, review and approve grant applications under this part.

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§ 725.5 Definitions.

As used in this part, the following terms have the specified meanings:

Agency means the State agency designated by the Governor to receive and administer grants under this part.

Base program means the State program to regulate surface coal mining prior to August 3, 1977.

§ 725.10 Information collection.

The information collection requirements contained in 30 CFR 725.15, 725.23(a) and 725.24 have fewer than 10 respondents per year, they are exempt from the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) and do not require clearance by OMB.

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§ 725.11 Eligibility.

(a) *Assumption of responsibility.* To be eligible for a grant for reimbursements for the cost of enforcing performance standards during the initial regulatory program the State shall assume responsibility for enforcement of the initial regulatory program including the specific responsibilities identified under § 710.4(b) and part 720 of this chapter.

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(b) *Designation of State agency.* In order to receive a grant for reimbursements for costs of enforcing performance standards during the initial regulatory program, the Governor of a State shall designate in writing one agency to submit grant applications, receive and administer grants under this part.

(c) *Periods covered by reimbursement grants.* An agency may apply for a reimbursement grant for any period during the initial regulatory program and for a reasonable start-up period beginning no later than August 3, 1977.

§ 725.12 Coverage of grants.

An agency may use grant money under this part to cover costs in excess of the base program for administering and enforcing the initial regulatory program. The Director or his authorized designee shall determine the base program from the State fiscal year budget in effect on August 3, 1977. Costs of the following items are eligible for reimbursement—

(a) Incorporation of the initial performance standards of this chapter in new permits issued by the State.

(b) Modification of existing permits to include the initial performance standards of this chapter.

(c) Additional inspections required to enforce the initial performance standards of this chapter.

(d) Inspections which are more detailed than inspections before the initial regulatory program.

(e) Responses to complaints related to the initial performance standards of this chapter.

(f) Enforcement actions required to secure compliance with the initial performance standards of this chapter.

(g) Additional administrative activities and supporting costs related to hiring additional inspectors and other personnel, revising permits, conducting inspections, preparing, copying and submitting reports required by part 720, and submitting applications for reimbursement grants under this part.

(h) Additional equipment required for inspection or support of inspections, as follows:

(1) An agency may charge any required item of equipment to the grant on a use bases in accordance with the

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principles set forth in Federal Management Circular 74-4, “Cost principles applicable to grants and contracts with State and local governments” (34 CFR part 255).

(2) An agency may purchase equipment, with grant funds where cost recovery through use charges is prohibited, made impractical or more costly than purchase by existing State laws or procedures.

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§ 725.13 Amount of grants.

The Office shall pay up to 100 percent of the costs to the agency in excess of the base program for administering and enforcing the performance standards during the initial regulatory program.

§ 725.14 Grant periods.

The Director or his authorized designee shall normally approve a grant for a period of one year or less. OSM shall fund a program that extends over more than one year by consecutive annual grants or amendments to the existing grant.

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§ 725.15 Grant application procedures.

(a) The agency may submit its application (three copies) for a grant to the Director or his authorized designee at least sixty days prior to the beginning of the intended grant period, or as soon thereafter as possible.

(b) The agency shall use the application forms and procedures applicable to non-construction and/or construction programs specified by OSM in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular No. A-102, “Uniform administrative requirements for grants-in-aid to State and local governments” (42 FR 45828). No preapplication is required. Each application must include the following:

(1) Part I, Application Form coversheet, SF 424.

(2) Part II, Project Approval Information.

(i) For non-construction grants use Form OSM-50A, Project Approval Information—Section A.